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VIA FAX

**RE: Comments on the US Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain
Site Recommendation Decision**

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated as the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel.

The Department of Energy (DOE) reached a major milestone in its mission to develop an underground disposal facility when it issued its preliminary site suitability evaluation (PSSS).

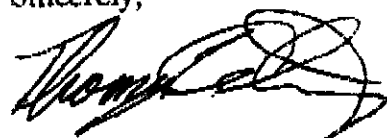
Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

It is imperative that the program to designate Yucca Mountain as the permanent repository be kept on track. I urge you to make this recommendation to the President.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Armstrong

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